



Historic Property Inventory Report

Location

Field Site No. 734

DAHP No. 34-00767

Historic Name: Bettman-Oppenheimer House

Common Name: Uptown Apartments (#34-740)

Property Address: 216 Southeast 9th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

Comments: OLYMPIA

Tax No./Parcel No. 78502800600

Plat/Block/Lot Sylvester L6 Blk 28

Acreage .17

Supplemental Map(s)

City of Olympia Planning Department

Township/Range/EW	Section	1/4 Sec	1/4 1/4 Sec	County	Quadrangle
T18R02W	14	SW		Thurston	OLYMPIA

Coordinate Reference

Easting: 1042231

Northing: 631774

Projection: Washington State Plane South

Datum: HARN (feet)



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Survey Name: OLYMPIA Date Recorded: 10/17/1985
Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson
Owner's Name: EFB Inc
Owner Address: 1302 205th Avenue E
City: Sumner State: WA Zip: 98390
Classification: Building
Resource Status: Comments:
Survey/Inventory
Local Register
Within a District? No
Contributing?
National Register:
Local District:
National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:
Eligibility Status: Determined Not Eligible - SHPO
Determination Date: 8/27/2007
Determination Comments: Reviewed by Leonard Garfield 1/7/88

Description

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House Current Use: Domestic - Multiple Family House
Plan: Irregular Stories: 2 1/2 Structural System: Balloon Frame
Changes to Plan: Moderate Changes to Interior: Extensive
Changes to Original Cladding: Moderate Changes to Windows: Moderate
Changes to Other:
Other (specify):
Style: Cladding: Roof Type: Roof Material:
Queen Anne Wood - Drop Siding Gable Asphalt / Composition
Shingle
Foundation: Form/Type:
Concrete - Poured

Narrative

Study Unit Other
Architecture/Landscape Architecture
Date of Construction: 1890 Built Date Builder:
Engineer:



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Architect:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): No

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance: One of the only houses remaining in downtown Olympia from the Victorian period, the Bettman House was built in 1890. One of the earliest merchants in the area, Louis Bettman came to Olympia in 1853 from Bavaria and with his brothers Mose and Sig Bettman opened a general merchandise store in Olympia. The store was at the corner of Main (now Capitol Way) and Second Street. After a fire in 1882, the Bettmans relocated farther uptown on the 400 block of Capitol Way in a brick front building which still stands. The Bettman name was carried on until the 1970's as clothing business. Louis Bettman built this house for his daughter, Belle Oppenheimer. The Bettmans had a house which has been razed just to the east of this structure. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register

Description of Physical Appearance: This is a rectangular, two-and-one-half-story wood frame structure built in ornate Queen Anne style set on a brick foundation. Its tall hip roof is covered with composition shingles, and has close eaves with a molded cornice; it is broken by gabled dormers and by small center gables on the east and west facades. At the southwest front corner is a flat-roofed, two-story extension. Walls are clad with drop siding and cornerboards on the first story, and shingles on the second, with a band of fishscale shingles between stories set off by horizontal banding. Wrapping around the front (south) and east facades is a one-story, hip-roofed porch, which has been enclosed. It has a small gable above the recessed entry centered on the front facade. Above the porch at the southeast corner is a round turret with a conical roof, capped by a finial. Beneath the east gable is a two-story bay with a rounded first story and ornamental brackets beneath the squared second story. Fenestration is large single-hung sash with one-over-one lights, topped by panels of fishscale shingles. At the northwest corner is a small one-story, hip-roofed addition. The building was extensively renovated in 1988-89

Major Bibliographic References: Blankenship, Mrs. George E., Early History of Thurston County, Washington, Olympia, 1914.
Stevenson, Shanna, "Old Capitol Walking Tour," 1979.

Photos



SE corner



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Owner Address:
City: State: Zip:
Classification:
Resource Status: Comments:
Within a District?
Contributing?
National Register:
Local District:
National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:
Eligibility Status: Not Determined - SHPO
Determination Date: 1/1/0001
Determination Comments:

Description

Historic Use: Current Use:
Plan: Stories: Structural System:
Changes to Plan: Changes to Interior:
Changes to Original Cladding: Changes to Windows:
Changes to Other:
Other (specify):
Style: Cladding: Roof Type: Roof Material:
Foundation: Form/Type:

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